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In re application of : **MAIL STOP PETITIONS**

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SILICON CARBIDE FIBER HAVING
BORON NITRIDE LAYER IN FIBER
SURFACE AND PROCESS FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

PETITION RE DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to hold the subject application as filed complete without drawings.

An Amendment deleting reference to the drawings accompanies.

It is apparent that the drawings are not needed for a filing date, since each and every feature recited in the claims is also set forth in the specification and is readily understandable therefor.

Figure 1 of the drawings, as described on page 5 of the specification, is a diagram showing the result of an analysis of boron concentration change from the surface of the precursor fiber to the inside thereof only for Example 1.

However, this boron concentration change from the surface to the interior of the claimed material is described throughout the specification in terms of concentration and slope, e.g. see paragraph [0049], Example 1 and disclosure on page 16, lines 1-9 for Example 2.

Thus, Fig. 1 is not required for a complete disclosure of the invention.

Figure 2 is merely a schematic description of the steps employed to produce the fiber of the present invention. However, the Examples provide sufficient information to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the steps of the invention without a drawing.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded a filing date, since the drawings are not necessary for an understanding or for practice of the invention as claimed.

Accompanying this Petition is the \$130.00 Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

It is requested that this Petition fee be refunded upon the granting of the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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